

Clean Energy Cooperative, Inc
9th Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

17 members and guests present.

The meeting was recorded and is posted on the Co-op website.

Welcome - Chris Weigand.

- Chris reviewed the agenda and encouraged attendees to ask questions and make comments in the chat.
- She also reminded members that there is still time to vote in the board election. This is online voting through OpaVote.
- There are many Co-op members who participate in the activities and projects that are being reported on tonight and Chris encouraged members to get involved with the Co-op by volunteering for a committee or the Board, purchasing preferred shares or in whatever way fits their interests and availability.
- The Co-op's mission statement was read.

Secretary's Report – Chris reported for Jamie Stunkard

- The minutes from the 2021 Annual Membership meeting were approved.
- Membership is currently 161.

Treasurer's Report – Allaina Propst

- Co-op financials and reports are now in QuickBooks.
- Allaina highlighted and explained the Co-op's assets and liabilities, income and expenses, and preferred shares.
- In the beginning of 2022, the Co-op was again able to issue a \$20 (2%) dividend on all preferred shares.
- The current preferred share offering is still open.
- You can refer to the recording of the meeting for more details on Co-op finances.

Outreach – David Pursch

- Membership grew about 20% over the past year. David encouraged all Co-op members to recruit new members. The easiest way to join is through the website.
- The Co-op ran a full-page advertorial in the River Reporter newspaper. Also printed the ad as a handout.
- Jack and Chris made two virtual presentations and one presentation in person at the Ritz to introduce the Co-op and discuss the two new projects.

Southeast PA Chapter – Marion Biddle

- The Co-op tabled at 5 events: 3 local Earth Day Festivals, Delaware Count Sustainability conference, and a local heritage festival.

- Two online info sessions titled “Take the lead locally on climate change with the Clean Energy Co-op.”
- Presented about the Co-op to Mainline PA IPL, two synagogues, and a Friends Meeting.
- The chapter has 12 new members in the last year.
- SEPA Chapter’s annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- The chapter did a tremendous amount of work with the Haverford Township School District in an effort to get them to put solar on the Lynnewood Elementary School. More info in the Project Development Committee report.

Special Guest - Representative Matt Cartwright, 8th Congressional District (Northeast PA)

- The Congressman spoke to the group about renewable energy and carbon emissions and corresponding legislation such as the Inflation Reduction Act that was recently passed in Washington.
- You can hear his remarks in the recording of this meeting which is posted on the Co-op website.
- The Congressman and his staff, Hunter Ridgway and April Niver, have offered helpful resources to the Clean Energy Co-op and encouraged us to contact their office for further assistance and information.

Project Development – Jack Barnett and Marion Biddle

- Jack reviewed the Co-op’s four previous projects and their impacts.
- Jack introduced our two current projects and gave details about their construction and financing. The partner organizations are Ritz Company Players in Hawley and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wyoming Valley.
- Marion introduced two upcoming projects with Weaver’s Way Food Co-op in southeast PA. One will be for their Germantown store later in 2023. The other is for their store in Ambler.
- The Clean Energy Co-op and Weaver’s Way have signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and the Project Development Committee for the SE Chapter has sent an RFP (Request for Proposal) to local solar installers. A few installers have visited the site in Ambler.
- The Co-op hopes to have a proposal for the Ambler site by November. The array will be sized for the roof of the building but will not provide 100% of the electricity required because it is a grocery store with high usage.
- Jack explained a little bit more about how different aspects of the Inflation Reduction Act will affect the Co-op’s future projects. One result of the IRA is that the Haverford Township SD can finance solar themselves at a better rate than partnering with the Co-op. The Co-op will continue to advise and share resources to help the school district install solar on the Lynnewood Elementary School.
- The preferred share offering is still open but we hope to have the Ritz project fully funded and to close the offering by the end of the month.

Board Election – Chris Weigand

- Thanks to the 53 Co-op members who voted using the online voting platform OpaVote.
- Congratulations and thank you to Chuck Heyn and David Pursch who have each been elected to serve an additional 3-year term.

Comments and Q & A

- Suggestion to discuss solar with the new Wayne County YMCA. Liz Kedrick will follow up.
- John Pace is interested in in-person meeting in the future. Let us know if you can help with the technology of a hybrid meeting.
- Kathy Dodge shared that the Department of Treasury is asking for input about spending IRA money. Jack has some info on that, too.

Adjourn